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The dispatches from Cape Town during the past few days have told of the hopeless struggle which  
**CECIL RHODES.**  
Cecil Rhodes has been making for life and have prepared the world for the news of his death. To heart weakness, the ailment to which so many men of large endeavor fall in these times, is ascribed the premature closing of a most remarkable career. The life of Rhodes ends prematurely as counted by years, for he was born in 1853 and should now be in his prime, but he has accomplished more than any other Englishman of his generation. He has been the great empire builder of the century.

Going out from Hertfordshire as an invalid, penniless boy, it is doubtful if he had any other dream than to recover in the bracing atmosphere of the South African plateau from the consumption which had seized him. But he had the luck to have a hand in the development of the diamond fields, and genius did the rest. He gained a vast fortune, he recovered his health, and he set about the work of building up a great state under British dominion. His talents for leadership and constructive statesmanship won for him such unqualified recognition that he was quickly without a rival. As early as 1884 he was a member of the Cape ministry, and he was prime minister of Cape Colony in 1890. In 1895 he became a member of the queen's privy council, a position in which he remained. But years before, his broad programme for British dominion throughout South Africa had taken shape.

The British South African company, one of the most powerful and wealthy corporations in the world, was practically a thing of his creation. The requirement of mineral rights and the development of mines in Matabeleland and Mashonaland were altogether due to his efforts, and the exploitation of the Rand was the result of his pluck and his faith in the gold fields of the Transvaal. The "Cape to Cairo" railroad, so long laughed at as the project of a dreamer, is now so nearly an accomplished fact that the death of Rhodes will not prevent its ultimate realization.

Gifted with imagination, as all men of great constructive genius are, the practical side of this wonderful man was weakened by this very faculty of calling into vision the things of the future. It led him into fatal errors of judgment, for which England is paying dearly the penalty today. For, it cannot be denied that the absurdly planned Jameson raid, the forerunner of the present war, was a Rhodes project. In the light of subsequent events, it was a scheme worthy of Don Quixote to attempt the overthrow of the South African republic with a mob of 600 freebooters. The Jameson raid will stand out as one of the most monumental

blunders in history. And strangely enough, the delusion to which he had held, that the "greatest of unpricked bubbles" was the Boer military power, remained with him after the Jameson fiasco. Undaunted by the revelation that Kruger and his burghers were ready to fight for their independence, Rhodes insisted that the raid had failed because there were not quite men enough. Notwithstanding his numberless opportunities of learning the facts, he was still of the opinion that the Boers were not only cowardly, but mercenary. He foresaw, as did Kruger, that the day was near at hand when there would be a renewal of the effort to subjugate the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, but he did not consider it worth while to make any special preparation for the conflict. He had done so much with money that he thought it would be easy to buy off the few Boers who might make a pretense of fighting for their liberties, and the British cabinet brought them to the same view. The extent to which he was mistaken remains yet to be measured. To prosecute a war lightly entered upon at his dictation, England has already wasted nearly a billion of treasure and more than 20,000 lives, and the most powerful army ever assembled under the British flag is still engaged in a task which appears to be endless.

Thus it is seen that the most powerful monarchs have seldom wielded such an influence on the destinies of nations as has gone out from Cecil Rhodes. On one side of the ledger he is credited with the accumulation of one of the greatest fortunes in the world and the creation and construction of states on a titanic scale; on the other side he is chargeable with inciting one of the most expensive, unjustifiable and cruel wars in the history of civilization.

The democrats, who have been hoping for failure on the part of republican congressmen to agree on a Cuban reciprocity measure, have suffered another disappointment. As set forth in our dispatches of yesterday, the republicans reached an agreement at their conference Tuesday night on the proposition of Representative Sereno Payne, the chairman of the committee on ways and means, and floor leader of the house, for a 20 per cent reduction of duty on imports from Cuba, with the Sibley amendment limiting the duration of the reduced rates to December 1, 1903. Mr. Payne's bill will be pressed through to a vote without delay. It provides, simply, that the president shall have authority to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with Cuba, granting a 20 per cent reduction on all goods, under the time limit noted. The republicans have got together on a wise measure, the policy of the president has been upheld, and the democrats are treated to another object lesson as to the patriotism of the republican side.

Great credit is due to Chairman Payne, Speaker Henderson, General Grosvener, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Dalzell for standing out for a fair reduction in the face of tremendous pressure. Not in years has the country seen such a well organized movement as the ably handled campaign of the beet sugar forces against any concessions to Cuba. Many of the most powerful newspapers in the country strongly upheld the Oxnard programme. Throughout the western states the farmers had been led to believe that the life of the growing beet sugar industry was threatened, and congressmen have been treated to an avalanche of short-sighted protests against any measure of justice to Cuba. For a congressman to stand to his duty under such circumstances is not easy.

As a matter of course, the country will soon find that a great row has been made over a very small matter. The beet sugar business will continue to expand and flourish, and beet growers will be unable to perceive any effect on their industry from the reduced duties. The limit set by the Sibley amendment for the duration of the reduction is not a very important feature. It will give sufficient time to demonstrate that the alarm for beet sugar was unfounded, and that no American industry will be injured, and that is all that fair people desire. Meanwhile the new Cuban republic will be enabled to start off under encouraging auspices. The island will prosper, the Cuban people will have another proof of disinterested American friendship, and commerce between the two countries will grow to great proportions.

According to Modern Mexico the progress that the English language has made in Mexico in the last few years is really remarkable. It has not been long since French was easily the second language of the country, but today it is effectively replaced by English. The Mexican people are much more apt at acquiring languages than the average Anglo-Saxon, and the ease and correctness with which many Mexicans who have never been out of the country, and who have had little opportunity for practice, speak English is a frequent subject of comment. Where a half dozen years ago only the larger establishments or those catering particularly to foreign trade employed English speaking clerks, today it is possible for an American to make his wants known in his own language in every store of any importance. The demand for English newspapers, magazines and books among the better classes throughout the country has increased to a notable extent. So much of the important business transactions

in Mexico today have an international character and so many English speaking foreigners are interested in business concerns of the country, that professional men find the language almost a necessity in order to secure their share of a very profitable part of the business. A notable recognition of the importance of the language has just been made in the City of Mexico, where the great Preparatory school has replaced the study of Latin by English. It is to be taught in a thorough four years' course, and will be obligatory for those entering the professional courses. English is not only being taught in the public institutions here, but many of the best families have private tutors for all members of the family, and some of the largest Catholic institutions have replaced French with English as the general conversational language of the schools.

The complicated nature and many-sided character of the Philippines problem is strikingly presented in the words of a competent American authority who has studied the conditions many months on the spot. "Three men of equal intelligence and honesty," he says, "one from Ohio, one from Massachusetts and one from Pennsylvania, might go out there and stay six months and each come home with a totally different story. They might all be truthful, though mistaken in their deductions." This authority takes the middle ground. The islands are not a prize, but, as the president rates them, "a burden." "The war," such as it is, "is bad; but we are doing the only thing we can do." Time, education, patience, justice and honest administration—these are the essential conditions of a successful solution of the problem.

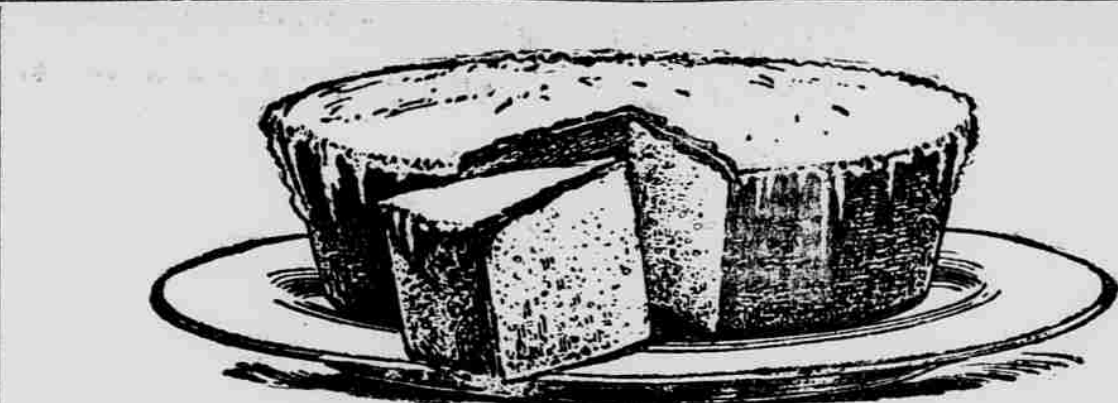
Alexander R. Shepherd, who for three years was at the head of the government of the District of Columbia, and who spent \$40,000,000 in improving Washington, is returning, a millionaire. When he left in 1879 taxpayers called him a "buddler" and charged all sorts of corruption. Many of these citizens, some of whom were almost bankrupted by his lavish expenditures, now say Mr. Shepherd's work will stand as a monument to him. It is admitted that but for his indomitable will Washington would not be today the beautiful city it is. Shepherd went to Mexico practically penniless, but was fortunate in mining ventures. He is 67 years old.

The Philadelphia Press, edited by Hon. Charles E. Smith, recently postmaster general, is confident that history will do justice to the retiring secretary of the navy. "It will recognize," says that contemporary, "all that this faithful, unassuming, hard-working lawyer did in a difficult post, whose difficulties no man could foresee when he was selected. Personal sorrow, crushing loss and overtaxed health were none of them permitted to interfere with the discharge of public duty, but they add weight to the public gratitude with which John D. Long returns to his home."

The "Providence Journal" notes the fact that fewer people turned out in that city to hear Mr. Bryan the other evening than were on hand to see and hear Captain Ben Tillman of South Carolina when he last visited the town.

Wilmarth Haff, son of Captain Hank Haff, the yachting skipper, has come into a fortune of \$40,000 under the will of John Barr of Patchogue, L. I. Mr. Barr did not have any blood relatives. The relatives of the dead man's wife will contest the will, it is said.

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Pauline had sunk twice when her sister caught her by the hair and the horse swam to them. The elder sister caught the beast by the tail with one hand, and holding Pauline with the other, they reached the shore safely. The horse started home on a gallop and neighed as if in great trouble, which attracted the attention of its owner. The animal immediately whirled around and went in the direction of the little girls with great rapidity, with the parents in pursuit, and they were met making their way homeward. The horse ran up to them, rubbed his head on their shoulders as if he was very glad they were alive.

Only a short time ago Mr. Bain offered the animal to a dealer for \$100, but the sale was not consummated. Since the deed of the animal in saving his daughters' lives he refuses any price, and avers that at the death of the animal a monument will mark his grave.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## A HOPELESS VICTIM.

Washington is a hopeless victim to the congress habit. The mothers congress is due there next.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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